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THE WORDS "... EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO SEEK TO OBTAIN..." WERE INADVERTENTLY DROPPED FROM PARA 8 OF REFTEL. PARA 8 OF THAT TELEGRAM, WHEN CORRECTED, SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

8. ACCORDINGLY, UNLESS YOU WISH TO PROPOSE ALTERNATE METHOD TO ACHIEVE THIS END, EMBASSY AND COMUSJ SHOULD SUBMIT MEMORANDUM TO JOINT COMMITTEE OUTLINING IN MOST
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FAVORABLE MANNER CONSISTENT WITH GOJ ASSURANCES USG STATEMENT OF ITS UNDERSTANDING OF THEM AND ASKING GOJ TO FORMALLY CONFIRM ITS ORAL ASSURANCES AS TO: (A) " DANGEROUS CARGO" VESSELS (PARAS 2 A, 2 B); (B) IDENTIFICATION OF SHIP DESTINATION AND CARGO DESCRIPTION (PARA 2 D); AND (C) PRIORITY TREATMENT AS UNDERSTOOD IN PARA 2 C. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO SEEK TO OBTAIN (1) FORMALIZED EXEMPTION OF U. S. FORCES VESSELS FROM MOTO REQUIREMENTS TO INSTALL SPECIAL SIGNALS/ LIGHTS AND (2) MODIFICATION OF DEFINITION " DANGEROUS CARGO" AS PER PARA 6 ABOVE. EMBASSY MAY STATE IN MEMO THAT WE ARE SEEKING FORMAL EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF MTSL/ MOTO FOR U. S. FORCES CONTROLLED VESSELS IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY BEST FULFILL THEIR MISSION UNDER THE SECURITY TREATY. EMBASSY MAY ALSO STATE THAT THE U. S. RECOGNIZES THE OBLIGATION OF ITS SHIPS TO OBSERVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF GOJ LAWS RELATING TO TRAFFIC CONTROL AND SAFETY, AND THAT U. S. FORCES CONTROLLED VESSELS OPERATING IN JAPANESE WATERS ARE COOPERATING WITH MSA UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PARA 3 OF ARTICLE V OF THE SOFA. EMBASSY MAY ALSO USE ARGUMENTS IN PARA 5 ABOVE RE U. S. POSITION ON LIGHTS AND MARKINGS. ROGERS

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